Brownout in key Manila areas today, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. **BUSINESS /B2** • **Union Bank** robbery in Makati over in 2 minutes **METRO /A21** • **US leaders, family,** seek mercy from North Korea for 2 jailed American TV reporters **WORLD /A24** • **Noli mulling** to run as Independent candidate, welcomes Sen. Kiko Pangilinan as VP • **Sen. Mar Roxas** honored if Sen. Ping Lacson joins his ticket as VP **NEWS**

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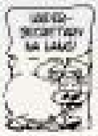
By Dona Pazzibugan

ELEVEN MORE CASES OF THE INFLUenza A(H1N1) virus were confirmed yesterday, including seven college and three high school students, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 57.

Six of the new twelve flu cases are students of De La Salle University on Taft Avenue in Manila, bringing to 13 the total number of confirmed cases among DLSU students, while another is the first confirmed case from the nearby campus of De La Salle College of St. Benilde.

MORE A11

Why not Rep. GMA? 2 US presidents dunnit



By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Why not Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo?

President Arroyo

WHY NOT A16

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Business slams Con-ass



AWARDEE President Arroyo will receive the Don Quixote of the Mancha Award for her administration's effort to return the teaching of Spanish in public schools.

GMA wins top prize in Spain

MADRID—PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Peruvian novelist Mario Vargas Llosa were awarded on Monday a top prize in Spain for their efforts to promote the Spanish language and culture.

Ms Arroyo was granted the Don Quixote of the Mancha Award for her administration's efforts to reintroduce Spanish language training in public schools in the Philippines, a former Spanish colony of around 90 million people.

The jury said Llosa, one of Latin America's best-known no-

GMA WINS A16

3 groups appalled at House measure

By Abigail L. Ho, Nina Catherine Calleja, and Inquirer Southern Luzon and Visayas Bureaus

THREE GROUPS REPresenting business executives are urging Malacañang to back its words with action in the move against Charter change (Cha-cha) and a possible no-election scenario.

The Makati Business Club (MBC), Management Association of the Philippines and Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines, along with Action for Economic Reforms and Foundation for Economic Freedom also yesterday expressed disgust at the passage of a House resolution seeking to convene a constitutional assembly (Con-ass) to amend the Charter.

"We are appalled at the indecency and blatant disregard of the Filipino people's will displayed by the House of Representatives in its adoption of House Resolution No. 1109 that

BIG BUSINESS A16



THE INVITATION TO TAKE TO THE STREETS Neither rain nor a daylong brownout in key areas of Metro Manila will stop the multisectoral rally from 30 organizations scheduled for today in Makati City. Divided by various political persuasions and ideologies, the protest groups have united to fight the moves in the House of Representatives to push for Charter change. To drum up support for what organizers hope will be a prelude to people power, teachers from the Alliance of Concerned Teachers stage a lightning rally outside Ramon Magsaysay High School in Quezon City on Tuesday.

President not worried by rallies—Palace

By TJ Burgonio

IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR President Macapagal-Arroyo. She isn't worried about today's multisectoral rally against the administration's attempt at Charter change ahead of next year's national elections.

Ms Arroyo would stick to her usual "activity of governance" in Malacañang during this afternoon's rally on Ayala Avenue in Makati, Cabinet Secretary Silvestre Bello III said yesterday.

Ms Arroyo will speak at the 8th Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Inc. at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza in Pasay City at around 11:45 a.m. today.

"I don't think so," Bello told reporters when asked if Ms Arroyo was worried about the rally and its implications. "This happened before… this series of protest actions."

Civil society and militant groups and the opposition are mounting rallies in several urban centers to protest the hasty approval of House Resolution No. 1109, which seeks to convene a constituent assembly (Con-ass) to amend the Constitution.

PRESIDENT A16

Smartmatic gets ₱7.2-B poll computerization deal

By Kristine L. Alave and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

A ₱7.2-BILLION CONTRACT for the country's first nationwide computerized balloting next year has been hammered out with a Philippine-Dutch consortium. But lawmakers are claiming its system is flawed and could lead to a "failure of elections."

Jose Melo, chair of the Commission on Elections, said that the Comelec en banc signed yesterday a resolution approving the awarding of the contract to Total Information Management Corp. and Smartmatic International (TIM-Smartmatic).

"This means the automation will definitely push through," Melo told reporters.

Comelec directed its Special Bids and Awards Committee to notify the consortium of its decision and to order it to post a performance security of 5 percent of the contract price for the automation of the May 10 elections.

The Comelec and the consortium are to sign the contract today after a review by two retired Supreme Court justices, officials said.

Lawmakers warned the Comelec against going ahead with the award, pointing out that during a recent demonstration in Congress, Smartmatic was unable to explain how machines would respond if voters committed errors in preparing ballots.

Rep. Rodolfo Antonino of Nueva Ecija said that one mis-

SMARTMATIC A16

Facebook users kick Con-ass

By Nina Catherine Calleja

FACEBOOK ADDICTS ARE psyched to kick Con-ass (constituent assembly).

As thousands of people converge in a multisectoral rally against House Resolution No. 1109 in Makati today, a similar movement is happening in cyberspace.

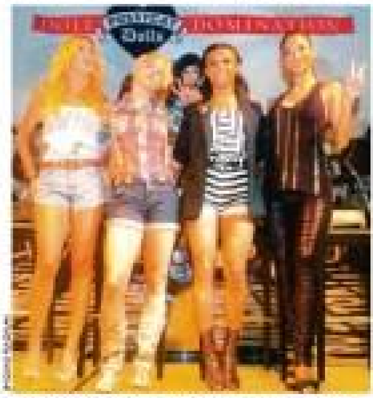
Facebook user Manolo Benavente initiated "Stop Con-ass Now," a cause campaign to oppose the House resolution calling for the convening of a House-only Con-ass.

Since the campaign started on June 3, some 23,000 Facebook users have signed up for the cause.

Facebook is one of the fast-growing online social networks.

Benavente said an average of 2,000 Facebook users were join-

FACEBOOK A15



NICOLE SCHERZINGER (at right), lead singer of the Pussycat Dolls, is making much of her Filipino roots saying she feels a natural affinity for the homeland of her father. With Nicole at the presscon at Sofitel Hotel are the other "dolls" from left, Ashley Roberts, Kimberly Wyatt and Melody Thornton. They will perform on Thursday at the SM Mall of Asia.

'People think I'm from Pakistan'

By Pocholo Concepcion
Entertainment

HER FATHER IS FILIPINO.

"I'm Filipino-Russian-Hawaiian, but people think I'm from Pakistan," Pussycat Dolls' lead vocalist Nicole Scherzinger quipped, laughing as she spoke to the Inquirer after a jam-packed press conference yesterday.

The Dolls are in Manila for a one-night concert tomorrow on the Mall of Asia grounds in Pasay City.

Nicole was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, to a Filipino father, Alfonso Valiente, and a Russian-Hawaiian mother. Her parents separated when she was still a baby. When she was 6, she relocated with her mother to Louisville, Kentucky.

Although she adopted the

PEOPLE A16



PASSING ON THE TORCH Sumilao farmers carry the casket of their leader Renato Pinas during a torch parade in his honor on Quezon Avenue on the way to Dela Strada Parish Church in Kalipunan, Quezon City. Pinas was gunned down in Sumilao, Bukidnon, on Friday.

Crashed jet's tail section found

RECIFE, BRAZIL—THE RECOVERY of Air France Flight 447's tail section could provide key clues as to why the airliner with 228 people on board went down in the Atlantic Ocean and where best to search for the black boxes, experts said.

The tail section of the Airbus A330-200 includes the vertical stabilizer—which keeps the plane's nose from swinging back and forth—and the rudder, which pivots and controls the side-to-side motion of an aircraft.

The data and voice recorders are located in the fuselage near the tail.

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Noli might go independent

Kiko eyed as VP bet

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI de Castro yesterday said he might run as an independent and would welcome Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan as a running mate should he decide to seek the presidency in 2010.



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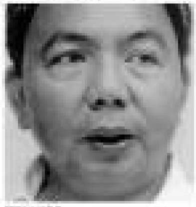


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No need to rush

Money issue

Palace chides Bayani's grumbling over party pick



FERNANDO

Automatic choice

Mar may tap Ping as running mate

Acting justice chief sees no conflict with application for SC seat

PLDT offers cash for 27% SMC stake in Meralco

Scared of poison, Mancao wants food taster at NBI cell

Intensive security

Master list

Inaccessible to public

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Buddha Dharma here for 2-day Baguio lectures



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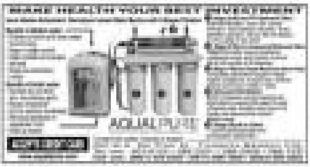






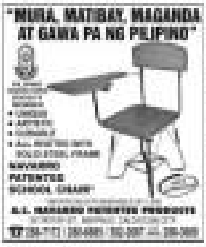
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Few senators in town for Con-ass



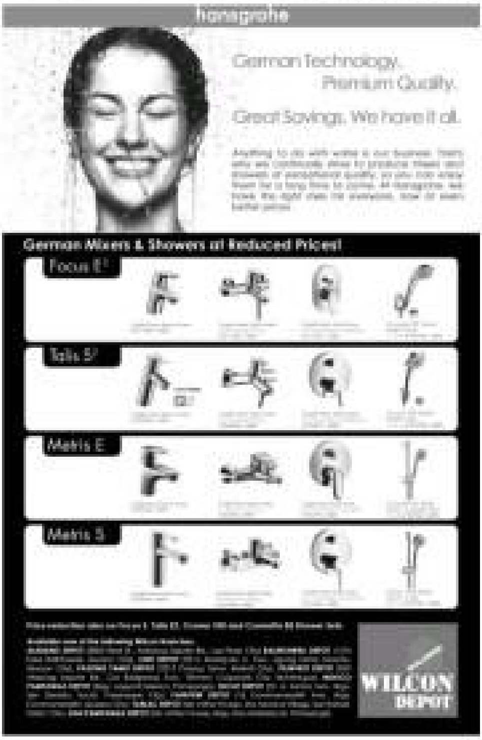
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Visa flap strands Jinggoy, Loi in UAE

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CITIZEN POWER MOVEMENT

LAKAS NG ISA: LAKAS NG BAYAN

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EDNO JOSON
(President)

EXPLANATION OF OBJECTION TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1109

REP. EDUARDO NONATO N. JOSON
1ST DISTRICT OF NUEVA ECIJA
14TH Congress
June 2, 2009

Allow me Mr. Speaker to begin with questions that each one of us is beholden to answer, and ultimately by our countrymen, if this CHA-CHA resolution will come to pass.

Mr. Speaker, what is happening to our country? What is happening to this Congress? And most important Mr. Speaker… what is happening to us?

In the context of our history Mr. Speaker, President Marcos followed the constitutional convention route. There was a 1971 ConCon headed by President Diosdado Macapagal, followed by martial law under which the 1973 constitution was passed by the citizen assemblies.

At that time our country passed one vital crossroad in our history, and Mr. Speaker, it would seem that we are again passing through the proverbial eye of the needle or eye of the storm. Dumadaan na naman tayo Mr. Speaker sa butas ng karayom o mata ng bagyo.
Ito ang nangyayari sa ating bansa at ang tanong lamang ay uulitin ba natin ang ating kasaysayan? Mr. Speaker, itong kasaysayan na malungkot – puno ng dusa at dapat kalimutan na lang."

Mr. Speaker, because of the Con-Ass Resolution this Congress is at the center of controversy again. At mukhang lahat tayo ay tumay na sa mga controversy at iba't ibang alegasyon ng kapalpakan at katiwalian.

Like the KBL then, the Partido LAKAS-KAMPI-CMD is the dominant party in this Congress. There are very few dissenting human voices here and one can only hear the chorus and croaking of frogs in the blackness of the night.

Democracy is a numbers game Mr. Speaker and this is true in almost all aspects and even in the three branches of government. Merit is a stranger in the night and irrelevant when decision time is at hand. Political questions, judicial review, legalities, technicalities, lawmaking and even amendments to the Constitution including its processes must bow down to the supremacy of numbers.

In concrete terms Mr. Speaker, the Partido LAKAS-KAMPI-CMD or palaka has the numbers. At kahit ano pang kokak ang gawin namin dito, basta merong political will sa parte ng LAKAS-KAMPI-CMD, aminado kaming talo rito Mister Speaker.

At ito nga ba ang gagawin ng kongresong ito Mr. Speaker, na ipasa ang House Resolution No. 1109 sapagka't ito ang plataporma ng partido at kagustuhan ng pangulong GMA? At gagamitin ang numbers game para maipasa ito? Sana Mr. Speaker, huwag naman sana. Sabi nga ng rape victim… wag po kaya wag po. Mr. Speaker huwag nating i-gang rape ang ating Saligang Batas at inang bayan. This Congress is supposed to be the Congress of the people. It must act for the general welfare of the people. Its priorities must be for the interest of the people. It must safeguard the political stability and electoral processes that allows for hope to spring anew in the breast and hearts of our people.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, what is happening to us?

Ano ba ang nangyayari sa atin bilang lider na halal ng bayan? Are we doing our jobs and duty to country for the good of the nation? Tama pa ba ang ating ginagawa ngayon Mr. Speaker? Na ngayon at narito kaying numbers o bilang ay isasakripisyo ninyo ang political stability at ilagay sa alanganin ang kaligtasan at kapayapaan ng bayan?

Absolute power corrupts absolutely Mr. Speaker. The evil that men do lives after them. The end does not justify the means. Let sleeping dogs lie Mr. Speaker. Murphy's law is just around the corner. The good and the decent in us must prevail Mr. Speaker and I am hoping that each one of us in this chamber will ultimately make the right choice.

Ibasura po natin ang House Resolution 1109. Ito ang tamang gawin. Ito ang para sa kapayapaan, kapakanan at kabutihan ng bayan. Huwag po sana tayong magkamali.

I vote NO to the adoption of House Resolution No. 1109. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

PANATA NG PAGKILOS

EDNO JOSON - Mananatayan "aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi, ang mamatay ng dahil sa iyo"
Ligaya ng sambayanang Pilipino ang makamtan sa 2010 elections
Huwag magkakamali ang sinuman na mang-api o agbilin ang ligaya ng sambayanang Pilipino
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Makiisa para sa matagumpay na 2010 elections: bagong Presidente, Kongreso at local officials ng bansa
Labanan ang Con-Ass
Labanan ang Cha-Cha
Labanan ang Martial Law Part 2
Labanan ang Kudeta
Tigil na ang rebolusyon ng kaliwa
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Labanan ang mandaraya
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Kahit saan ka man…
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Crashed jet's tail section gives clue to cause of crash

Lateral fracture

False readings



ROUGH SAILING

L-shaped tube

Black boxes

High-tech help

Debris with logo



SMALL COMFORT

Big business appalled, slams Con-ass



HOW TO PREPARE FOR A RALLY 101

Makati execs joining rally

Timing suspect

Some 20,000 protesters

Regionally coordinated

Noise barrage

Wear black

Police to set up 'control points' for protesters from provinces

By Tara Quismundo and Nina Catherine Calleja

President unfazed by rallies

Second in six months

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Across the NATION

Assistant Editor: Tony Bergonia

More medicines buried, say execs

By Gabriel Cardinoza and Yolanda Sotelo
Inquirer Northern Luzon

LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN—EVEN BEFORE GOVernment workers could dig up all the medicines and medical supplies buried in a pit at the provincial engineer's office (PEO) compound here, the chief investigator said more medicines and medical supplies were buried in another site.

Palawan joins legal experts in questioning baselines law



FUTURE MIGRANTS

Cops arrest main suspect in killing of aid volunteer

PNP claims credit for fall in summary killings

Sayyaf leader in kidnap of aid workers arrested





PNP defends relief of 5 Boracay cops

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL Police (PNP) has defended the relief of Boracay's police chief and four other policemen in relation to a land dispute on the island resort.

Chief Supt. Isagani Cuevas, Western Visayas police director, also denied allegations that a businessman identified with President Macapagal-Arroyo had influenced the decision to relieve the policemen.

"It's our prerogative to discipline our members. Nobody influenced us," he said in a phone interview on Monday.

Cuevas was reacting to a signature campaign being pushed by business owners and residents in Boracay to protest the relief of Supt. Arnold Ardiente, former head of the Boracay Special Tourist Police Office (BSTPO), and four other policemen.

Call for reinstatement

The campaign questioned their relief and called for their reinstatement.

The petitioners said influential and powerful persons were involved in the land dispute between property claimant Ruth Tirol-Jarantilla and Whiteco Holdings Philippines Inc.

Ardiente and the four policemen arrested two security guards of Whiteco on May 19 after they allegedly shot two workers of Jarantilla who were putting up a fence in the disputed property in Barangay Balabag.

Businessman Teodorico Haresco Jr., who also heads the "Tulay ng Pangulo" program of Ms Arroyo for the construction of bridges all over the country, owns Whiteco, which is developing a resort on the property.

Cuevas said the relief had nothing to do with Haresco or any of the parties involved.

"I do not even know Mr. Haresco and I'm acquainted with (Jarantilla). If there are excesses and mistakes of our policemen, it's our responsibility to correct them," he said.

He said Ardiente and the other policemen violated police procedures in arresting and detaining suspects because the security guards were apprehended even if they were not in the act of committing any crime.

In an earlier interview, Ardiente denied any violations and insisted that he was only doing his job.

Petition

The company filed a petition at the Kalibo Regional Trial Court on May 20, seeking an injunction and P1.2 million in damages, litigation and lawyers' fees against Jarantilla.

It also asked the court to issue a temporary restraining order against Jarantilla to prevent her camp from entering, occupying and erecting structures on the property.

In a decision on July 15, 1998, the Kalibo RTC affirmed Jarantilla's ownership of the property. The Court of Appeals affirmed the decision on May 10, 2007, but the case is still pending at the Supreme Court.

Ex-vice governor stabbed dead

By Maricar P. Cinco
Inquirer Southern Luzon

CAMP VICENTE LIM, LAGUNA—A FORMER vice governor of Occidental Mindoro, who worked as a radio broadcaster, was stabbed dead in San Jose town in the province on Tuesday, police said.

Crispin Perez, 69, was stabbed several times inside his house in Barangay 7 at around 10 a.m., Chief Supt. Luizo [illegible], Mimaropa regional director, said in a phone interview.

He had just finished his radio program "In Tamo Lang" over dwDO Radio FM, [illegible] said.

The still unidentified killer reportedly approached Perez, who was also a lawyer, and sought his legal assistance.

Perez was brought to St. Mary Magdalene Hospital also in San Jose, but was declared dead on arrival, [illegible] said.

Police have yet to determine the motive for the killing.

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Ibaloi street names also replaced



FROM SESSION ROAD AND LEONARD WOOD Drive to Governor Pack and Harrison Roads, many of Baguio City's streets have been named after American colonial officials who became the icons of a history still dominantly written and taught from the colonizers' viewpoint.

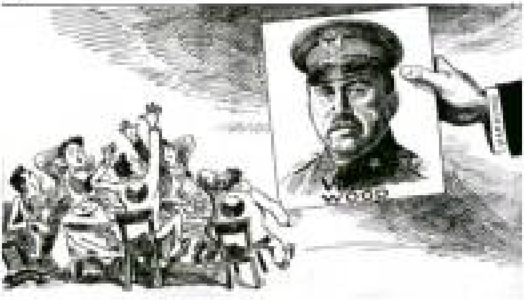
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What's Baguio to Wood and Wood to Baguio

By Maurice Malanes
Baguio City

AUTHOR AND FORMER University of the Philippines Baguio Prof. Ricardo Torres Jr. has long been familiar with Leonard Wood Drive in Baguio City, but he discovered something that awakened his basic "researcher's instincts."

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AMERICAN Governor General Leonard Wood as portrayed in an editorial cartoon that appeared in The Independent on Feb. 26, 1921.



Baguio Centennial



BAGUIO'S Leonard Wood Drive

"I was intrigued why Leonard Wood deserved a road in an upland city and a monument in a God-forsaken island town"

Awakened instincts

[illegible]

Many colonial faces

[illegible]

Wood has ambitions, too

[illegible]

Baguio's centennial in numbers

By Elizabeth Lolarga, Contributor

HOW DOES BENISUKE RUDY Furuya love Baguio? Let us count the ways.

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Furuya playfully shrinks Baguio's past 100 years into images of numerals



RUDY Furuya's No. 46

SC sees no urgency for TRO in Con-ass case

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'Disaster waiting to happen'

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OVER THE HUMP



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Strength through music

San Mig Coffee drag races at BRC postponed

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Gambalan, Pamintuan top rookies

Tigresses gain V-League finals

By June Navarro

FilOil caging: 6 teams seek semis berths

GMs head cast in Palawan tilt

Powerade-RP bombs S'pore, sweeps elims



TEAM Pilipinas sparkplug Cyrus Baguio drives against Singapore's Wong Wei Long in the third quarter of their game Monday.

World Series hopeful Rizal 4 years in making

Mikee issues new goal for Oracle: 8 straight

By Francis T.J. Ochoa



MISSION ORDER Coach Caparas speaks at the PSA Forum as (from left) Timberlake, Arsyas, Romero, Fernandez (partly hidden) and Maiorhofer look on.

Alabang charity triathlon up

SPORTSWATCH

Makati PCAP derby fires off

SJC Circuit finals under way

Bolo Cup draws world's finest practical shooters


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DID YOU KNOW

Makati bank rob over in 2 minutes

7 men barge into Union Bank and flee with undetermined amount

AROUND SEVEN TO 10 MEN CARRYING HIGH-powered firearms barged into a bank in Makati City and took an undetermined amount of cash yesterday afternoon, a day before an anti-Con-ass (constituent assembly) protest scheduled on Ayala Avenue.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Couple jailed after maid cries rape

Raided warehouse yields stolen milk

By Tarra V. Quismundo

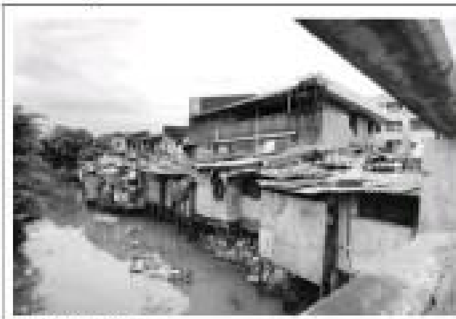
POLICE RAIDED ON MONDAY night a warehouse allegedly distributing stolen milk products to underground retailers in Metro Manila, the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) of the Philippine National Police (PNP) said yesterday. [illegible]

Alleged owner

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Initiated a trace

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FILTHY WATERWAY

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METROBRIEFS

Man killed in gang war

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QC official wants restrictions on web use

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Couple jailed after maid...

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June 11 a nonworking holiday in Rizal

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BREAST CANCER SCREENING

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New iPhone unveiled



24 hurt in HK's third acid attack

Death toll from Mexico daycare fire rises to 44

World's longest-serving president dies



BONGO

WORLDBRIEFS

Gunmen kill 10 at mosque

40 Talibans killed in Afghanistan

4,000 Karen flee fighting

4 Palestinian militants killed

1st Gitmo detainee arrives in US

The WORLD

US leaders, family seek mercy for reporters



SEOUL—UNITED STATES LEADERS AND FAMILY members urged North Korea to show mercy to two jailed American reporters, as Washington tried to separate their plight from efforts to punish Pyongyang for its nuclear test.

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N. Korea steps up rhetoric

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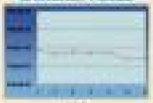
S&P lowers growth forecast for RP to 1.3%

Gov't economic managers seen lowering target, too

STANDARD & POOR'S HAS slashed its growth forecast for the Philippine economy for 2009 following an unexpected anemic performance in the first quarter.

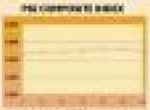
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STOCK MARKET

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Stocks close lower

Globe lists P5-B bonds on PDEx



Key Manila areas face power outage

Interruptions set from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. as NGCP shuts down transformer

Review sought on PSALM sale of power assets



DOE drums up power investments for Visayas



We've got it all ... almost

BIZ BUZZ
By the staff

Deal or no deal?

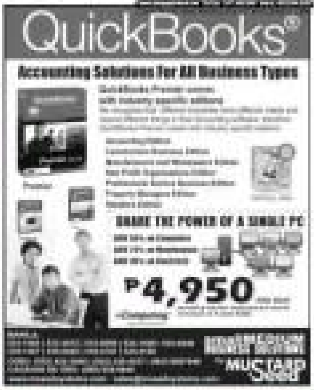
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Notes of discord









Empire East to spend ₱10B in next 5 years

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S&P lowers growth forecast for RP to 1.3%

Philippine Stock Exchange

DOF warns against rising budget gap

Gov't may have a hard time in wiping out bloated deficit

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Hike in deposit insurance does RP banks some good

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MWSI to put up advanced water treatment facility

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Mother Nature tests D-Max Boondock





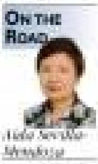
Standing out from the competition





GM Philippines will be part of the 'New GM'

ON THE ROAD



Business

IBM opens $30,000 challenge for small, medium firms

By Abigail L. Ho

Gov't rejects T-bond bids

Offered rates 'absurdly high,' says Treasury

Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan Contributing Editor Lia S. Bernardo

LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining





Budji Layug, Neal Oshima collaborate anew



SECTION of living room shows the use of hardwood, rattan, bamboo, abaca fabric, cotton—all of which, in Layug's design, blends with the environment. In Oshima's photo from Cocoon Magazine.

Interesting design of Cebu mountain-top home binds artist, photographer

By Gianna Aquino
Contributor

NOT VERY OFTEN HAS A collaboration between artistic professionals been as enduring and successful as that between artist Budji Layug and photographer Neal Oshima. This one has lasted 30 years.

It began in the late '70s when Layug, fresh from a long and heady European sojourn, met up with Oshima who was in Manila on vacation after studies in Hawaii and San Francisco. Layug's groundbreaking furniture designs with bamboo and his [illegible] caught Oshima's interest and trained eye. It wasn't very long until the two started spending time together, talking about art and design and about the places in and around the country that inspired them both.

Together they created a new style, bringing glamour to the photography of designs and objects, so much so that Layug's early giant bamboo pieces were shot by Oshima and commissioned into life-sized posters by Bloomingdale's executives. This heralded the entry of new furniture designs from the Philippines into North America.

Their long-standing and close association is seen in the recent shoot Layug and Oshima worked on for the maiden issue of Cocoon magazine. Their exceptional support and respect for each other that stems from a shared strong visual aesthetic shine through the cover.

"They can work together very closely, then decide to change everything if one of them was not pleased," said Lia Bernardo, editor-in-chief of Cocoon mag. "They could argue about the slightest imperfections but always, in the end, the result would be something they could come to agree happily about. It was a shoot where I just sat back and enjoyed watching."

It wasn't an easy shoot though. The property in Cebu was on several [illegible] of [illegible] and hilly terrain, [illegible] sea level. This presented unpredictable changes to the quality of natural light.

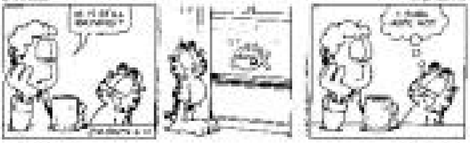
The house consists of five structures: The main lounging pavilion, the service area and kitchen, the master bedroom, and two guest houses connected by an exterior courtyard of [illegible] and meandering pathways of [illegible] and gravel.

The main pavilion is like an outdoor living room; you just move from one space to another without going through any door. It situates itself beautifully in the

BUDJI LAYUG C2



GARFIELD



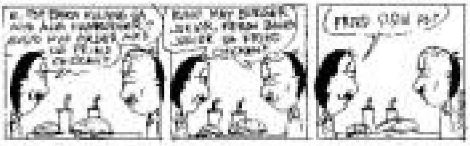


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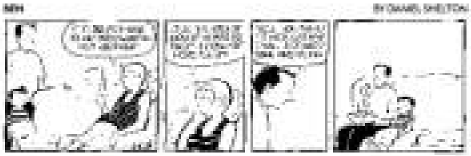


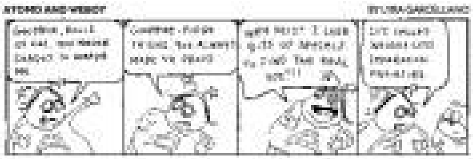


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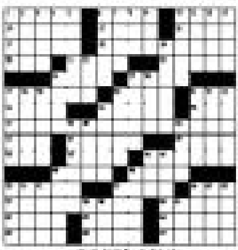


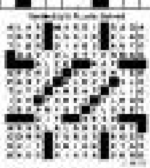


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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Budji Layug, Neal Oshima collaborate anew

From page 01

property. Each structure has its own special sense of privacy.

The structures are supported by concrete columns that lift and hold them up on the downslope sides of the mountain. In this way the terrain will not be disrupted. Masked by natural vegetation, no trace of it can be seen from afar. Building materials include tropical hardwood, granite, gravel, stone and tempered glass, crafted in traditional and new ways for a relaxed, entertaining lifestyle of laid-back hospitality.

The house is surrounded by fern trees, woody vines, bamboo, epiphytes and tropical flora endemic to the area. When the house was being built, no trees were cut and no boulders were dug up. Every ingenious way was devised to get material up to the property, as the owners did not want heavy equipment eroding the soil.

The beauty of it all was that nature presented itself so well that you had to work with it, as Layug's architecture firm (Budji Layug-Royal Pineda) did so successfully.

The house on the mountain was sheer pleasure for Cocoon to cover. It exemplified the directions of the magazine—to use nature as a guide for making beautiful dream homes.

Nowadays, photographer and designer have little time to see each other. The old days

SEE LAYUG C4



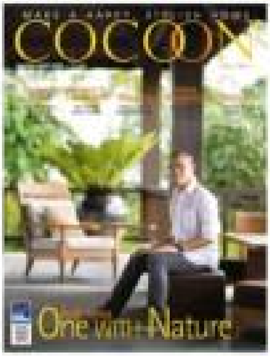
THE LIVING room pavilion seen through Oshima's lens, is Budji Layug's masterpiece of a mountaintop home (from Cocoon Magazine)

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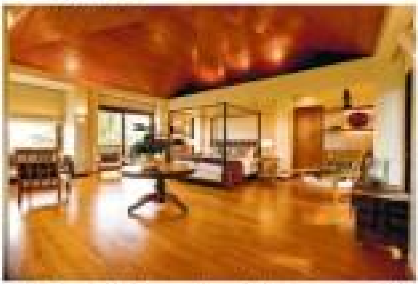




OSHIMA takes a different angle of the living room.



LAYUG on the cover of Cocoon Magazine's maiden issue, still available at magazine stores





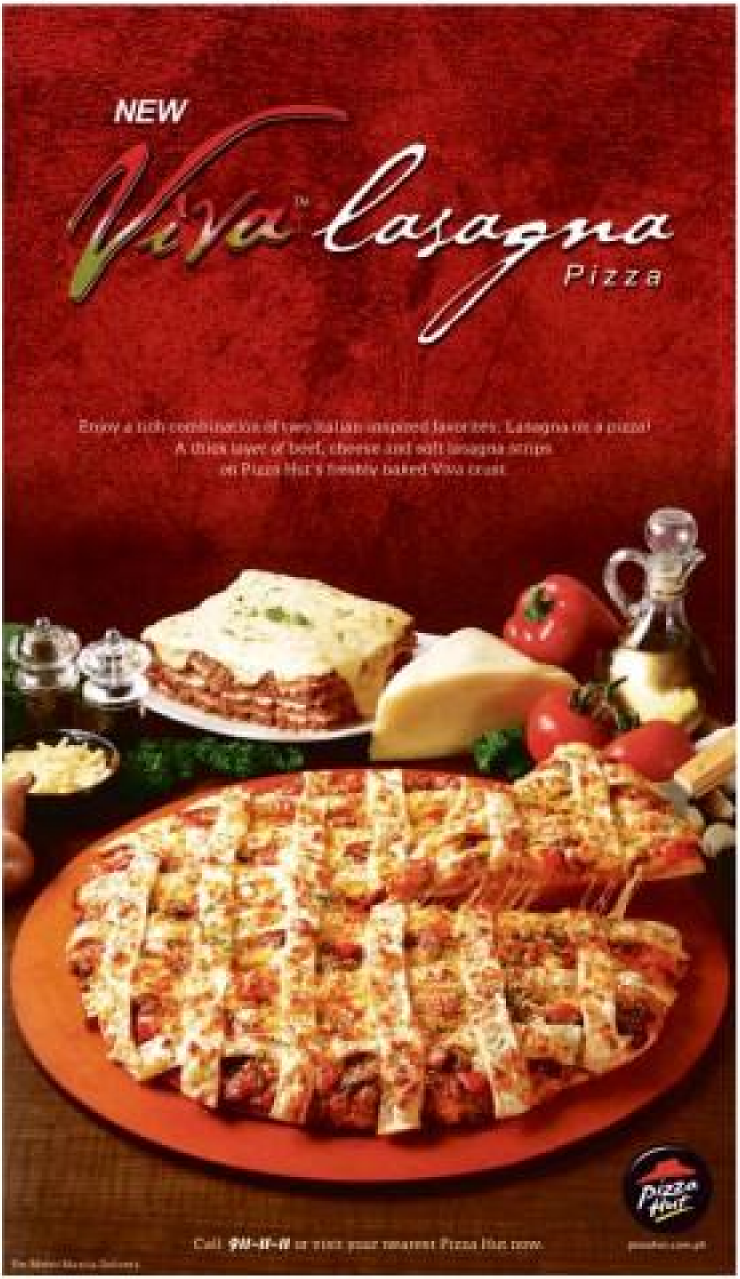
LIFESTYLE *Parenting*





Make your 7-year-old comprehend, not memorize

Maximize middle childhood—it's more important than you think

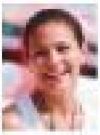


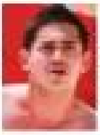


WE ARE the champions: Visayas winners of the Nestea Fit Beach Volley National Circuit '09 men's and women's champions, USJR's Loujel Tiggao and Ariel Carcasilan, with USPF's Erika Camille Verano and Apple Saraum



HANDSOME hunk Alfred Vargas, Nestlé RVP and head for marketing [illegible] and [illegible] Ruth Rosales and "Survivor's" Kaye Abad





ADORABLE Iza Calzado and Paolo Contis at the celebrity beach volleyball match



NESTLE RVP and business executive manager for beverages Dennis Asuncion with [illegible] and Nestea consumer marketing manager [illegible]



ANGEL Aquino, Kaye Abad, Kiko Rustia, Nestlé RVP and business executive manager for beverages Dennis Asuncion and PubliG Manila chairman Manolo Villanueva PHOTOS [illegible]

Visayas teams win in Boracay's beach volley games



NESTEA Fit consumer marketing executive Sarah Rose Lim, Nestea brand activation executive Ronald Chuacokieng and Publicis Manila account director Jay Roxas



MALAY Mayor Ceciron Cawaling and Nestlé Professionals beverages head Mon Decal



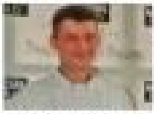
KIKO Rustia PHOTOS [illegible]



NICOLE Balossi, [illegible] general manager, PEP Inc.



MA. ELIZABETH Lorenzo, owner of Mia Desserts, Best Dessert winner



CHEF [illegible], executive chef of the popular Aubergine, Best Brunch winner

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen using [illegible] Photo Solutions

NESTEA FIT BEACH VOLLEY National Circuit '09 undoubtedly was this summer's biggest event. The sun was blazing hot when Nestea staged a series of collegiate beach volley games, hot parties, a concert and a cool fashion show in Boracay, pahingyay.

The super successful event featured the country's best collegiate beach volley athletes, the most beautiful faces with the hottest bodies, and high-profile personalities, dahlings.

Welcoming everyone was Boracay's Mayor Ceciron Cawaling, name-droppable executives like Nestlé RVP and business executive manager for beverages Dennis Asuncion and Boracay's hottest movers and shakers, dahlings, plus the Philippine Volleyball Federation secretary-general and Nestea Fit Beach Volley National Circuit '09 tournament director Otie Camangian.

Eight awesome teams from 16 schools made it to the semis and finals. The Visayas group emerged the champions. Ariel Carcasilan and Loujel Tiggao of the University of San Jose Recoletos won the men's title, while Erika Camille Verano and Apple Saraum of the University of Southern Philippines Foundation took the women's crown. Both teams received a cool P100,000 cash each, pahingyay.

The celebrity matches drew tons of onlookers, dahlings.

As always, Nestea are the benchmark for all summer parties by offering a fantastic mix of fun, excitement and great entertainment.

The popular Nestea event was sponsored by Spalding, Speedo, Fashwall by Marithes Cig Cobs, [illegible], Bistro, and Boysa [illegible] Boracay. Check out the action at www.nestea.com.ph. You'll love it, pahingyay.

Gold Spots Awards

At the posh Aubergine Restaurant, which is one of my favorite restaurants at The Fort, I was invited to an equally posh event hosted by Nescafé Gold and Spot.ph—the Gold Spots Awards, no less, dahlings.

There I was, rubbing elbows with some of the country's leading restaurateurs and foodies to celebrate "the best restaurants in the metro." Statuesque, eye-catching Myrna Basa, Spot.ph editor-in-chief and Nescafé Gold cyber-smart marketing manager, good-looking Logan O'Brien hosted this awesome gathering where the dynamic workaholic Marguerite Arsenio

Rossi Ciba Restaurant received two honors—Best Italian Restaurant for Olio Herrera and Best Overall Service for Olio Dieri.

GM of elegantly Burgger Pedro Quiamco won Best Cocktails for Mezzinis and Wilbert Valentino won the Best Club for Embassy Super Club, pahingyay.

Best Dessert was given to Miss Desserts owner Elizabeth Lorenzo; Best Chinese Restaurant to Gloria Maris.

The essence of the Gold Spots Awards is "to empower the community with a chance to determine which establishment meets one's gold standard. A people's choice award that Manileños know when it comes to their dining experience," said Spot.ph's Myrna Basa, dahlings.

O'Brien added: "Gold Spots Awards is a noteworthy event. Nescafé Gold would like to take its relationship with Spot.ph forward and make the Gold Spots Awards one of the major food events here in the Philippines." Amen, sir.

It was indeed an exciting, unforgettable event, pahingyay.

Philippines Yearbook launch

The Philippines Yearbook 2009 edition turns the spotlight on the country's premier visual artists who have garnered recognition, pahingyay, in the local and international art scene, no less.

The Philippines Yearbook showcases 41 "visual artists whose works run the gamut of the traditional to the avant-garde, the representational to the intellectually charged—all profiling the sublime talent embodied by the Filipino visual art," explained the book's young, brilliant publisher Ramon Bo, no less, pahingyay.

"In acknowledging these visual artists, the Philippines Yearbook focuses on the country's biggest wonder: her people and their contributions that make the nation stand out in its own sphere in Southeast Asia," Ramon said at the end of his welcome speech.

The Ayala Museum was packed with loads of our town's name-droppables from the business world and diplomatic set.

CWC tea party

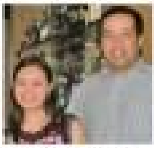
The Catholic Women Club's 80th Tea Party is set on June 17, 3 p.m., at the Manila Polo Club. The theme is "Women of Asia Celebrating Timeless Traditions." This year's limited edition plate by Ness Blanco will be launched. "Members and guests are requested to come in Asian attire," said the civic-oriented woman who saves for the less fortunate, Nenis Locsin, dahlings.

The ladies intend to raise funds for more than 50 beneficiaries. Event chairperson is Bel Tan-Gatue, together with co-chairpersons Kim Lakin and Marilen Mendoza Planda.

For more info, call the CWC at [illegible] 843-2869.



THE SPOT.PH team with partners from Nescafé Gold: Rory [illegible], advertising sales manager, PEP Inc.; Marilyn [illegible], marketing manager, PEP Inc.; [illegible], advertising sales executive, PEP Inc.; [illegible], consumer marketing specialist, Coffee Business Unit, Nestlé Philippines; Logan O'Brien, consumer marketing manager, Coffee Business Unit, Nestlé Philippines; Myrna Basa, editor-in-chief, Spot.ph; [illegible], managing editor, Spot.ph; [illegible], web producer, Spot.ph; [illegible], assistant general manager, PEP Inc.; and [illegible], community editor, Spot.ph



BELLE Cagasbo and Andrej Wesbecki, owner of Mamou Café, Best Brunch awardee



TOBY Reyes and Maria Theresa Reyes, GM of Aristocrat, Best Filipino Restaurant



BEST Delicatessen, Mickey's chef Miguel Gomez, with GM Richie King and Allan Palang



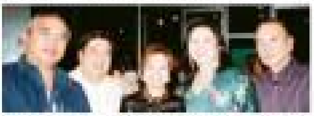
EARL Arellano, restaurant manager of 22 Prime, Best Steakhouse winner, with Buddy [illegible], general manager of Discovery Suites



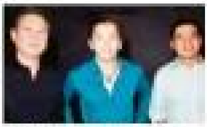
CWC HANDS: Tess Canonizado (seated), Tess Castro, co-chairperson Kim Lakin, event chairperson Bel Tan-Gatue, co-chairperson Marilen Mendoza Planda, and Nikki Valerio; (standing) Lili Aldea, Cristina Coscia, Evelyn Asmelo, Myrna Borromeo, Nenis [illegible] and Mimi Valerio



RAMON Arellano, president, Career Philo, with top photographer Tom Epperson, publisher and editor-in-chief of the Fashion Times' Philippines Yearbook Ramon Bo, and Dusit Thani F&B director Gilbert Uy



RALPH Wise's main man Ralph Joseph, Edwin and Dorothy Tan, and Manolo "Bonsai" and Isabelle [illegible] Lopez, managing director and president, respectively, of Rustan's Coffee Corporation



BLUGAM country manager Mario Kottgibal, with Jory Pallab and Patrick de la Cuesta



THREE generations of Tantocos: Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco Sr., Rico Tantoco and Dominic Tantoco, president, Rustan Supercenters Inc.



GRACE Ethey Go with Jory Concepcion III, president and CEO, RFM Corp.; Marilen Concepcion and Manolo Lopez, executive assistant to the president, RFM Corp.

Make anti-smoking campaign more graphic

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

FOR YEARS, TOBACCO companies have made smoking glamorous. They spent tons of money to convince consumers it was cool to smoke.

Although the allure as result by tobacco companies on consumers has eased somehow, the beautiful images they created seem difficult to erase and smoking remains a major health problem.

So now the World Health Organization (WHO) wants governments to show in more graphic ways the unglamorous and deadly side of tobacco use.

In a statement, WHO noted that the tobacco industry spent vast sums of money to produce packaging that made a deadly product look safe and appealing. To counter the image this created in the public, it suggested that cigarette packets should instead show shocking photos of lung tumors, blood clots in the brain and decaying gums.

Dr. Shin Young-soo, director of the Manila-based WHO regional office for the Western Pacific, said, "Experience from around the world shows that pictorial warnings motivate users to quit and discourage people from starting."

The international organization pointed out that tobacco was the world's leading preventable cause of death and the only product that killed when used exactly as the manufacturer intended. Tobacco use accounted for the death of more than five million each year, a figure higher than the combined number of deaths from HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

In the Western Pacific region, which includes the Philippines, tobacco use was responsible for two deaths every minute, the WHO said.

Shin said, "Countries have obligations to use health warnings on tobacco products as part of the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control." The strategy, he said, was an easy and cost-effective way to inform people about the hazards of tobacco use.

Problem at Naia

Here is something that Manila International Airport Authority general manager Alfonso Cusi might want to look into.

Ms. Cristina A. Agrasio [illegible] wrote to the Consumer to bring to the attention of Miaa authorities her bad experience at Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Agrasio said she was standing in line at 2 p.m. on May 28 at the China Airlines counter to check in for her flight back to the United States. Airport personnel (a man and a woman), after weighing her carry-on bag, told her it was over the seven-pound limit. They suggested that some of the things be transferred to her checked-in bags. "Since they seemed respectful and helpful, I let the man handle some of my things," she said.

But the assistance, it seemed, was not without a price. She lost her Sony cyber-shot camera. More than the loss of the camera, she is saddened by the loss of precious memories of her happy reunion with her family.

She is also concerned that her experience would give her American husband a bad impression of Filipinos.

Feedback

I want to thank [illegible], a Bohol-born who now resides in Metro Manila, for clearing up the issue of "gate fee" that a reader said was being charged by some resorts on Panglao Island in Bohol.

It seems the resort guards were misunderstood or failed to clarify what the charge was all about.

[illegible] said he had been to the resorts on Panglao Island several times simply to enjoy the facilities for a day. During those visits he was asked to pay the "day-tour fee," consumable in the resorts' restaurants.

He added that during peak seasons, like Holy Week, it would be very difficult to get a room in Panglao's resorts without advance booking.

Another e-mail sender, Lalie Ceballos, seconded [illegible]'s statement.

Ceballos said the fee being charged walk-in visitors was meant to discourage curious people (usisero) who just wanted to see the inside of a resort for free. "I think it is only fair that only legitimate customers should be allowed to because these resorts are private," she said.

Send letters to The Consumer, Lifestyle Section, Philippine Daily Inquirer, 1098 Chino Roces Ave. cor. Mascardo and Yague Sts., 1204 Makati City; fax 8974793/94; or e-mail lbolido@inquirer.com.ph

WHAT'S UP

Sun Express opens outlet in Tuguegarao

Sun Cellular's retail arm, The Sun Shop Express, recently opened in Luna Extension, Ugac Norte, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan. Residents of Tuguegarao City may now enjoy Sun Cellular's 24/7 Call and Text Unlimited (CTU) service by subscribing to any of Sun Cellular's Postpaid Plans. Among the hottest postpaid deals available is the Group Plan 999, which offers three phones, three lines all for only P999/month. Call [illegible] or e-mail thesunshop@digitel.ph.

Musical and exhibit

The "Soil Harmony" show features the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra and baritone [illegible] performing classical and contemporary pieces June 16, 7-9 p.m., at Power Plant Mall.

UPCA marks 50 years

The UP College of Agriculture (UPCA) in Los Baños Class of 1959 celebrates its 50th year on Oct. 8-10. Call [illegible]. UPCA class members of 1959 are requested to send by mail their bio data and ID photos to [illegible] for their commemorative yearbook, at CropLife Philippines, Unit 52, [illegible] Bldg., Acacia Ave., Madrigal Business Park, Alabang, Muntinlupa City; or e-mail [illegible] not later than June 30.



Celebrate Independence Day 2009
at SM Mall of Asia
Celebrate Independence Day 2009 at SM Mall of Asia! Rediscover the fascinatingly diverse culture of the Philippines with events and activities that will surely make one's Pinoy Pride swell.

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

ENTERTAINMENT

Carradine family shocked

LOS ANGELES—THE FAMILY OF LATE AC-tor David Carradine is "profoundly disturbed" by photos published in Thailand that are said to be of Carradine's naked body hanging in his Bangkok hotel room. [illegible]

CARRADINE/A3

DID YOU KNOW..



Regine has yet to beat this singer

Songbird reunites with Eva Castillo, who never let her win when they were the fiercest competitors in amateur talent contests

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE


EVA Castillo: "Yung nakil couldn't succeed in dows bla." [illegible]

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

IMAGINE REGINE VElasquez dethroned by another female singer. Not likely, but not impossible, it turns out.

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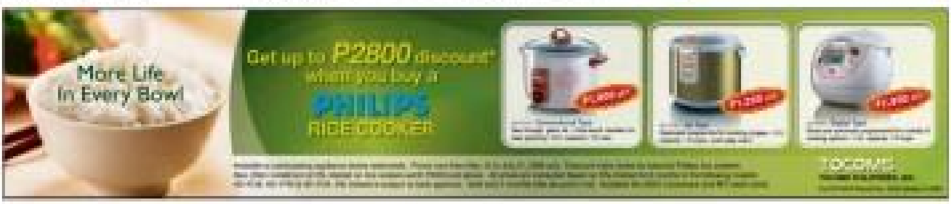
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Not a joke

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REGINE/A3







THREE TIMES THE DAZZLE
"The Indian Suite" is a top favorite in "Ten Decades," a musical revue now staged thrice weekly in Club Mwah (Boni Avenue, Mandaluyong). The increased frequency starting this month culminates in a celebration of the theater club's 5th anniversary in October. Call [illegible].

Manila Philharmonic free concert tonight

THE MANILA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, featuring baritone Jack Rafael, holds a free concert at the Power Plant Mall, Rockwell, in Makati tonight at 7. The repertoire consists of classical pieces and jazz and Broadway standards.



FORGOTTEN WAR
"The Forgotten War," an indie film by Carlo C. Cruz documents the heroism of Filipino soldiers in the Korean War in the 1950s. Top billed by Baron Geisler and Kel Santos, the film was premiered yesterday at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

4th Renz and Rannie concert June 13

"IV OUR FRIENDS," A CONCERT starring singers Renz Verano and Rannie Raymundo, will be staged June 13 at Teatrino in Greenhills. This is the fourth time that Verano and Raymundo are performing together. Musical director is Adam Cosunan. The show's beneficiary is the Pagbigay ng Tao Mission Ministry in the UP Diliman area. Call (0917) 824-9443.

Pioneer Covers the Pussycat Dolls

The year's hottest concert," A Clear Doll Domination: The Pussycat Dolls Live in Manila", happens on June 11 at the Mall of Asia concert grounds.

The much anticipated Pussycat Dolls experience strengthens the country's position as a key artist destination in Asia, and Pioneer, one of the country's leading event insurers, is making sure of that.

The concert coverage of "A Clear Doll Domination: The Pussycat Dolls Live in Manila" becomes the latest in a series of engagements Pioneer has had with MTV Philippines, where Pioneer has provided a variety of insurances for concerts produced by MTV.

Pioneer has stood behind the concerts of world-class talents including the recent ones of Rihanna and Chris Brown, Beyonce, Alicia Keys, George Benson-Al Jarreau and the Eraserheads reunion among others, in addition to exhibit coverage for esteemed Filipino artists such as His Art Our Heart, the Amorsolo Retrospective.

Having sponsored and provided comprehensive coverage for numerous exhibits, shows, and events of local and foreign artists, Pioneer, by way of its support for culture and arts, has also contributed to the growth and awareness of world-class talents and Pinoy pride.

Rachel's yummy 'Sexy Chef' diet

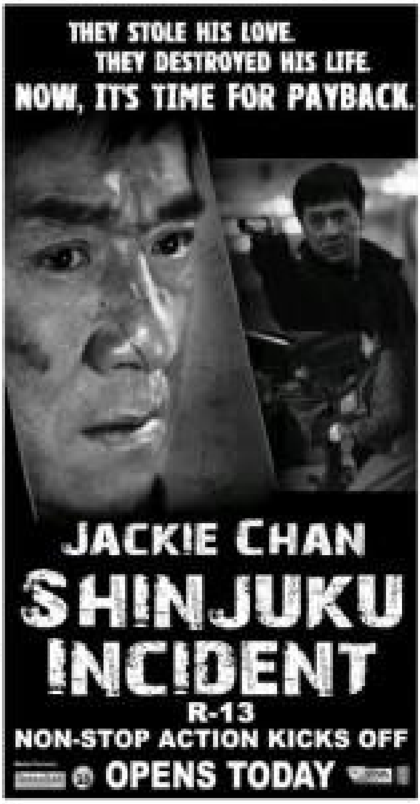
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Carradine family...



These are good and bad times for sexy young things



RUSHES

Worst-case scenario

Battle of publicists

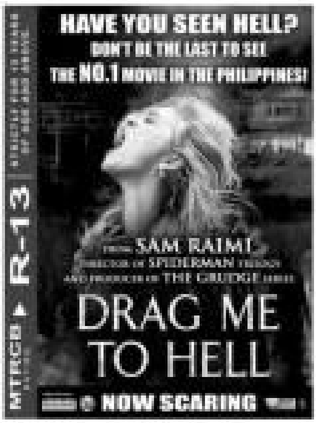
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Top of the talk shows





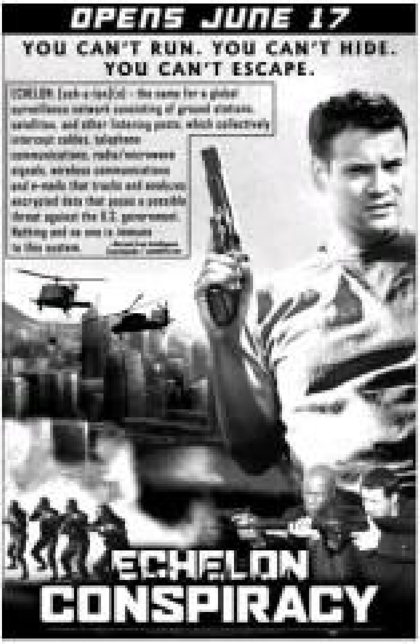






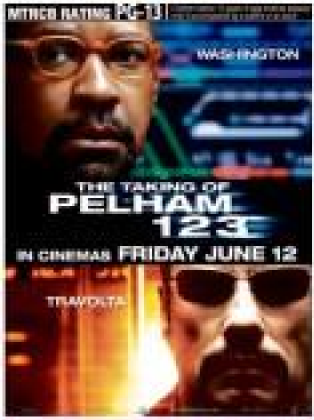
Regine has yet to beat this singer

Fairy godmother









Rachel's yummy 'Sexy Chef' diet

Dolly Wood

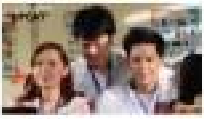


Dolly Anne Carvajal



RACHEL Alejandro

Opening This Week



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Kamoteng Kahoy



Blood: The Last Vampire

Shinjuku Incident

The Taking of Pelham 123



